

SENATE RECORD VOTE ANALYSIS

104th Congress
1st Session

Vote No. 80

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BALANCED BUDGET AMENDMENT/Social Security Exemption

SUBJECT: A Resolution Proposing a Balanced Budget Amendment to the Constitution of the United States . . . H.J. Res. 1. Hatch motion to table the Feinstein substitute amendment No. 274.

ACTION: MOTION TO TABLE AGREED TO, 60-39

SYNOPSIS: Pertinent votes on this legislation include Nos. 62-63, 65-79, and 81-98.

As passed by the House, H.J. Res. 1, a resolution proposing a Balanced Budget Amendment to the Constitution, is virtually identical to the balanced budget constitutional amendment that was considered last year by the Senate (see 103d Congress, second session, vote Nos. 47-48). The resolution: will require a three-fifths majority vote of both Houses of Congress to deficit spend or to increase the public debt limit; will require the President's annual proposed budget submission to be in balance; and will require a majority of the whole number of each House to approve any bill to increase revenue. Congress will be allowed to waive these requirements for any fiscal year in which a declaration of war is in effect. Congress will enforce and implement this amendment by appropriate legislation. The amendment will take effect in fiscal year 2002 or with the second fiscal year beginning after its ratification, whichever is later. The States will have 7 years to ratify the amendment.

The Feinstein substitute amendment would enact provisions identical to the provisions they would replace, except that it would add that "The receipts (including attributable interest) and outlays of the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund and the Federal Disability Insurance Trust Fund used to provide old age, survivors, and disabilities benefits shall not be counted as receipts or outlays for purposes of this article."

Debate was limited by unanimous consent. Senator Hatch moved to table the amendment. Generally, those favoring the motion to table opposed the amendment; those opposing the motion to table favored the amendment.

NOTE: The Feinstein amendment, though written as a substitute amendment, proposed exactly the same text as was proposed in the Reid amendment. For debate, see vote No. 65.

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YEAS (60)			NAYS (39)			NOT VOTING (1)	
Republicans (52 or 98%)	Democrats (8 or 17%)		Republicans (1 or 2%)	Democrats (38 or 83%)		Republicans (0)	Democrats (1)
Abraham	Hutchison	Campbell	McCain	Akaka	Harkin		Kerry- ²
Ashcroft	Inhofe	Exon		Baucus	Heflin		
Bennett	Jeffords	Kerrey		Biden	Hollings		
Bond	Kassebaum	Moseley-Braun		Bingaman	Inouye		
Brown	Kempthorne	Murray		Boxer	Johnston		
Burns	Kyl	Robb		Bradley	Kennedy		
Chafee	Lott	Rockefeller		Breaux	Kohl		
Coats	Lugar	Simon		Bryan	Lautenberg		
Cochran	Mack			Bumpers	Leahy		
Cohen	McConnell			Byrd	Levin		
Coverdell	Murkowski			Conrad	Lieberman		
Craig	Nickles			Daschle	Mikulski		
D'Amato	Packwood			Dodd	Moynihan		
DeWine	Pressler			Dorgan	Nunn		
Dole	Roth			Feingold	Pell		
Domenici	Santorum			Feinstein	Pryor		
Faircloth	Shelby			Ford	Reid		
Frist	Simpson			Glenn	Sarbanes		
Gorton	Smith			Graham	Wellstone		
Gramm	Snowe						
Grams	Specter						
Grassley	Stevens						
Gregg	Thomas						
Hatch	Thompson						
Hatfield	Thurmond						
Helms	Warner						

EXPLANATION OF ABSENCE:

1—Official Business
2—Necessarily Absent
3—Illness
4—Other

SYMBOLS:

AY—Announced Yea
AN—Announced Nay
PY—Paired Yea
PN—Paired Nay